GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2787
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BURNING OF MEDICINES IN HAL, BHOPAL
Paswan Shri Ramchandra

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the recent burning of medicines and pesticides by Hindustan Antibiotics Limited in Bhopal`s residential area;

(b) if so, the number of persons hospitalised due to the smoke of this burning;

(c) whether the Government has made any inquiry into the matter;

(d) if so, the details and outcome thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the Government against the responsible officials for burning of the medicines and pesticides in an irresponsible manner?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS & MINISTER OF STEEL(Shri RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Four persons residing in Village Sankhedi, 15 Kms away from Bhopal City, were admitted in the hospital on 29.7.2004 with the symptoms of vomiting and 3 persons were hospitalized on 1.8.2004. The first four persons were discharged on 2.8.2004. The other three persons were given symptomatic treatment & discharged thereafter.

(c) to (e): The Hindustan Antibiotics Limited (HAL) has conducted a detailed enquiry by deputing two of its Senior Officials to the spot. The enquiry report revealed that the expired medicines were incinerated in a vacant land away from the city and not in any residential area. The doctor who treated the patients have stated that the patients had no toxic symptoms.